

**Summary of Weatherization Task Force Meeting  
January 23 & 24  
ECIP Discussion**

CSD's ECIP Goals:

- ECIP funds are used for energy-related emergencies
- LIHEAP providers do some planning and outreach for emergencies
- LIHEAP providers identify what services will be provided during a declared emergency and a non-declared emergency
- LIHEAP providers perform weatherization services when H&C replacement or repairs are performed.
- ECIP H&C services for non-declared emergencies are performed only if a bona fide emergency exists

ECIP Topics:

The following ECIP Topics were discussed and clarified:

1. ECIP – non-declared emergency services for heater and cooler repairs/replacements.
2. ECIP – declared emergency services
3. ECIP Fast-track services

Definition:

There was general agreement that an emergency definition for non-declared emergencies should be included in the contract. There was general agreement by the agencies in attendance that the following changes would be preferable:

*“In any situation where there is a natural disaster or a significant home energy supply shortage or disruption, and an appropriate federal, state or local official has not declared an emergency, an emergency for the purposes of this Agreement will be deemed to exist ~~only where~~ when there is a ~~sudden unexpected occurrence~~ chronic or clear and imminent danger, requiring immediate action to prevent or mitigate the loss or impairment of life, health, property, or essential public services.”*

## 1. ECIP non declared emergency services for heaters and coolers

The State agreed that heater and cooler repairs and replacements would be allowable under the ECIP component of the contract. To qualify a heater/cooler must be in need of repair or replacement and meet an emergency condition. The group brainstormed the following possible qualifying emergency conditions:

- Climate/weather
- Time of year
- Natural disaster (fire, flood, abnormal freeze/heat)
- Medical condition, frailty
- Sudden illness or financial hardship
- Contractor or agency availability
- Appliance parts unavailable
- Health and Safety (high CO, gas leak)
- Vulnerable population (age, senior, children)
- No heating/cooling source
- Accessibility
- Other

The small group (see below) will discuss each of these conditions and work on writing standards for those that CSD agrees are qualifying emergencies. A sample standard for the “climate/weather” qualifying condition might be:

***“Due to diverse weather in California, each provider shall determine the normal months of the year in which cooling and heating services will qualify for ECIP by territory.”***

## 2. ECIP Declared Emergency

It was agreed that declared emergencies would be organized for discussion purposes as “State Declared” and “All Other Declared” including CSD, Agency, and Local). The following outline was developed:

State Declared		All Other Declared
<i>Min. activity</i>	<i>Optional activity</i>	<i>Optional activity</i>
Preparedness:		
<i>Contract flexibility, outreach</i>	<i>MOUs, public aware, partnerships, tech. resources</i>	
Response:		
<i>Contact shelters, Refer clients to warming centers</i>		
Recovery:		
Mitigation:		

For purposes of discussing minimal and optional activities, analysis will consider competencies of the agency, weatherization/HCS, cash assistance and social/human needs.

Local determination for all optional activities would be allowed.

During the meeting, the following **Suggestions** were made and recorded:

1. Revise the LIHEAP State Plan to reflect year-round needs are being met.
2. Add to the contract the statement that “Heating and Cooling system repair and replacements are allowable under ECIP.” Contract could also identify “qualifying conditions.”
3. Emergency criteria for ECIP Fast Track may need to be developed.

The following **Parking Lot** issues were identified:

1. Increased assistance to clients post-declared emergency (previously served clients)
2. Pipe wrapping during standard weatherization services
3. For non-declared emergencies what type of measures are allowed?
4. Budget – Finite \$ - Implications
5. Assisting neighboring agencies during emergency

6. Federal allocation
7. Cost caps – repair, replacement and install
8. How do we meet the 18 and 48 hour clock?

The following working groups, agenda topics, and meeting dates were identified:

**ECIP Working Sub-Group:**

1. Qualifying conditions and timeframes for ECIP HCS
2. Policies for declared emergencies
3. Budgeting
4. Fast Track

*Members: Val Martinez, Arlene Novotney, Bill Parker, Dennis Osmer, Ed O'Campo, Louise Perez, Linda McQueen, and Bill Warren*

*Next Meeting Date: February 20 and February 27 – from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.*

**Contract Changes Sub-Group**

1. CAPS
2. Flexibilities
3. Utility assistance
4. Budget allocations

*Members: Jennifer Durbin, Greg Redican, Al Prince, Ed O'Campo, Chris Johnson, Bill Warren*

*Meeting date: February 6, 2007*

**Weatherization Task Force – Next meeting: March 28 and 29**